

interest of any common school district schoolhouse bonds that may have heretofore been issued by Common School District No. 1, and remaining unpaid; conferring upon the board of county trustees the power to subdivide said district, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:47 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 574, "An Act to amend Section 2 of an act creating the Jourdanton Independent School District in Atascosa county, Texas, being Chapter 79 of the Thirty-second Legislature of Texas, increasing the territory of said district; to amend Section 8 of said act, providing for the appointment of an assessor and collector for said district; to amend Section 23 of said act providing for the appointment of a board of equalization and prescribing its powers and duties; to amend Section 24 of said act regulating the time of payment of taxes, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:47 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

(Thursday, February 22, 1917.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Bledsoe.
Baker.	Boner.
Beard of Milam.	Brown.
Beasley.	Bryan.
Beason.	Bryant.
Bedell.	Burton of Rusk.
Bell.	Burton of Tarrant.
Bertram.	Butler.
Blackburn.	Cadenhead.
Blackmon.	Canales.
Blalock.	Carlock.
Bland.	Cates.

Clark.	Osborne.
Cope.	Parks.
Cox.	Peddy.
Crudgington.	Peyton.
Davis of Dallas.	Pillow.
Davis of Grimes.	Poage.
Davis	Pope.
of Van Zandt.	Raiden.
Denton.	Reeves.
Dodd.	Richards.
Dudley.	Roemer.
Dunnam.	Russell.
Estes.	Sackett.
Fairchild.	Sallas.
Fisher.	Sentell.
Florer.	Schlesinger.
Fly.	Schlosshan.
Greenwood.	Scholl.
Haidusek.	Seawright.
Hardey.	Sholars.
Harris.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hartman.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hawkins.	Smith of Scurry.
Hill.	Spencer of Nolan.
Holland.	Spencer of Wise.
Hudspeth.	Spradley.
Johnson.	Stewart.
Jones.	Swope.
Laas.	Taylor.
Lacey.	Templeton.
Laney.	Terrell.
Lange.	Thomas.
Lanier.	Thomason
Lee.	of El Paso.
Lindemann.	Thomason
Lowe	of Nacogdoches.
of McMullen.	Thompson
Low	of Hunt.
of Washington.	Thompson
McComb.	of Red River.
McCoy.	Tillotson.
McDowra.	Tilson.
McFarland.	Traylor.
McMillin.	Tschoepe.
Meador.	Upchurch.
Mendell.	Valentine.
Metcalfe.	Veatch.
Miller of Austin.	Walker.
Miller of Dallas.	White.
Moore.	Williams
Morris.	of Brazoria.
Murrell.	Williams
Neeley.	of McLennan.
Neill.	Williford.
Nichols.	Wilson.
Nordhaus.	Woods.
O'Banion.	Woodul.
O'Brien.	Yantis.
	Absent.
Beard of Harris.	Rogers.
Monday.	Strayhorn.
	Absent—Excused.
DeBogory.	Robertson.
Fitzpatrick.	Tinner.
Martin.	Wahrmund.

A quorum was announced present.
Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of sickness:

Mr. De Bogory, for today, on motion of Mr. Seawright.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, for today, on motion of Mr. Tschoepe.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 182, to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

S. B. No. 224, to the Committee on State Affairs.

S. B. No. 247, to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

S. B. No. 376, to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

S. B. No. 377, to the Committee on Education.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Richards (by request):

H. B. No. 741, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that the State of Texas shall pay interest on money belonging to the citizens which has been used by the State at the current rate fixed by Texas Statute, and defining date when this act shall take effect."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Swope (by request):

H. B. No. 742, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 1, Title 133, of the Revised Civil Statutes of this State of 1911, relating to weights and measures, by adding thereto Article 7837a and amending Article 7839 so that it shall read as follows; providing for and adopting a standard scale for the measurement of saw logs bought, sold, cut or hauled in this State; making it mandatory that the Governor of this State furnish the county judges of the several counties with copies of the standard of weights and measures, prescribing a penalty for violations of this

act, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Richards, Mr. Valentine, Mr. Nordhaus and Mr. Schlesinger:

H. B. No. 743, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of the sum of \$1799.66 for the purpose of supplementing existing appropriations and the payment of the salaries of certain employes, etc., in the Department of Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds for the months of February to August, 1917, both inclusive, fixing such salaries for such time, and for the purpose of paying one-half the expense of certain paving, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Metcalfe:

H. B. No. 744, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the selling of bass and white perch or crappy or channel catfish taken from the fresh waters in the county of Tom Green, State of Texas; making it unlawful to use any dynamite or other explosives in the killing or catching of any fish in any of the fresh waters of said county and providing a penalty for the violation thereof; prohibiting the use of any seine, drag net, trammel net or other net other than a minnow seine, which shall not be more than ten feet in length, limiting the number of fish to be taken in any one day; providing that the district judge of the judicial district in which Tom Green county is situated shall give a special charge upon this law to the grand juries of Tom Green county; providing a penalty for the violation hereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Schlesinger:

H. B. No. 745, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 75 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, by adding thereto articles to be numbered Article 5164a and Article 5164b, providing for the summoning of jurors by mail and making return thereof, and the effect of such return in all counties having a city or cities therein containing a population aggregating twenty thousand or more people, as shown by the last United

States census; to amend Article 5159 of said chapter relating to the time of opening jury lists and delivery of certified copies of same to the sheriff; to amend Article 5154 of Chapter 5 of said title, relating to the time and manner of drawing juries in such counties, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. McFarland:

H. B. No. 746, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing traveling men and all other persons unavoidably absent from their voting place on primary election days to vote by mail; providing under what circumstances they may vote; providing penalty for violation of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections.

By Mr. Davis of Grimes and Mr. Neely:

H. B. No. 747, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Grimes county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Templeton:

H. B. No. 748, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Kelton Independent School District of Wheeler county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Templeton:

H. B. No. 749, A bill to be entitled "An Act permitting the commissioners court of Donley county, Texas, to pay the members of said court the sum of \$4 per day while serving at the terms of said court."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Sholars:

H. B. No. 750, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing the Kountze Corporate School District in Hardin county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Hill and Mr. Bedell:

H. B. No. 751, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish at Gilmer, Upshur county, Texas, a Junior Agricultural, Mechanical and Industrial College, to be known as the Culberson Vocational College; making an appropriate

tion therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Cope, Mr. Crudgington and Mr. Bledsoe:

H. B. No. 752, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate all sales of public free school land, University land and asylum land which were made after forfeiture for non-payment of interest but prior to entry of such forfeiture on the account kept with the purchaser and all sales of said land which were made upon applications filed prior to the cancellation of a former sale for the failure of the owner to reside on the land, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

INVITING MR. TERRELL TO READ PAPER.

Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches offered the following resolution:

Whereas, This House has by appropriate resolution invited the surviving members of the Ninth Legislature, known as the Secession Legislature, to visit Austin and be the guests of this House on March 2d; and

Whereas, Said date is the eighty-first anniversary of Texas Independence, and should be held in reverence by all loyal Texans, because of the achievements of Sam Houston and his compatriots in the Texas Revolution, that freed the State from Mexican tyranny; and

Whereas, This House has a member, in the person of Hon. Geo. B. Terrell, whose grandfather, General George W. Terrell, was the companion and bosom friend of General Sam Houston during his public career in Tennessee and in the Republic of Texas; and

Whereas, The said General George W. Terrell, while acting as Secretary of State of the Republic of Texas, wrote one of the greatest State papers of that day and time, known as the "Appeal to the Powers," which portrayed in diplomatic terms the bandit warfare waged against the State by marauding bands of Mexicans in violation of every principle of civilized warfare, which conditions are vividly portrayed today in the Republic across the Rio Grande; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Hon. George B. Terrell be invited to read to this House on March 2d the State paper written by his grandfather, known as the "Ap-

peal to the Powers," as a part of the exercises in commemoration of the Independence of Texas.

Signed—Thomason of Nacogdoches, Bedell, Schlosshan and Denton.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Murrell moved that the resolution be adopted by a rising vote.

The motion prevailed, and the resolution was adopted unanimously.

THANKING MR. CLARK.

Mr. Scholl offered the following resolution:

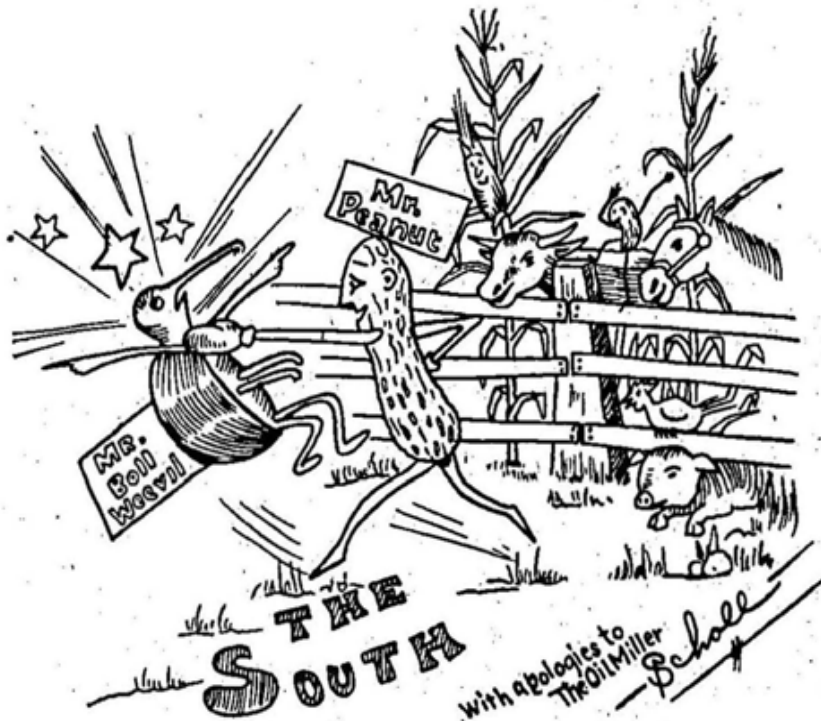
ture extend a vote of thanks to the donor.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 54 ON FINAL PASSAGE.

The Speaker laid before the House as postponed business, on its final passage,

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Eighty-first Judicial District in the State of Texas, said district to be composed of the counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong, Col-



The Peanut Knocks Out the Boll Weevil.

Whereas, The gentleman from Erath, Hon. Henry Clark of Stephenville, has been generous enough to present the members of this House with a bag of Spanish peanuts, thereby exemplifying the exceedingly great importance of this rapidly developing industry—the growing of the peanut—the peanut that knocked out the boll weevil, as so forcibly depicted in the accompanying illustration:

Whereas, It was evident that every member of the House, and including the clerks, stenographers, and pages, showed their appreciation; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fifth Legisla-

tingsworth and Wheeler; to fix the jurisdiction of said district court in said district and the terms of court in said several counties in said district, and providing for a judge thereof and a district attorney; reorganizing the Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh and Thirty-first Judicial Districts of Texas; fixing a time of holding court in the Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh and Thirty-first Judicial Districts, to provide that all cases now on the dockets of counties of the district courts of Hall, Donley, Armstrong, Collingsworth and Wheeler counties be transferred to the dockets of the Eighty-first Judicial District created by this act; to provide that the district clerks and sheriffs elected in the counties of

Hall, Donley, Armstrong, Collingsworth and Wheeler, and their successors in office be alike the officers of each of said district courts of said county; providing for the return of all process and validation of the same issued or to be issued by the courts of the Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh and Thirty-first districts in the counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong, Collingsworth and Wheeler be returnable to the district court of the Eighty-first Judicial District and for the appointment of the judge of the said Eighty-first Judicial District and for the appointment of the district attorney for said Eighty-first Judicial District, and fixing their compensation, and declaring an emergency."

The bill having been read third time on Thursday, February 15.

On motion of Mr. Cope, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 2 o'clock p. m. today.

SENATE BILL NO. 63 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 63, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting the employment of children under fifteen years of age to labor in certain occupations, prohibiting the employment of children under seventeen years of age to labor in certain occupations, etc."

The bill was read third time.

Question—Shall the bill be passed?

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—75.

Baker.	Florer.
Beasley.	Hill.
Beason.	Holland.
Bell.	Johnson.
Blalock.	Jones.
Boner.	Lacey.
Bryan.	Laney.
Burton of Rusk.	Lange.
Burton of Tarrant.	Lanier.
Butler.	McFarland.
Canales.	Meador.
Carlock.	Mendell.
Clark.	Metcalfe.
Cope.	Miller of Dallas.
Cox.	Murrell.
Crudgington.	Neeley.
Davis of Dallas.	Neill.
Davis	Nichols.
of Van Zandt.	Nordhaus.
Denton.	O'Banion.
Dodd.	Osborne.
Estes.	Parks.
Fisher.	Peddy.

Pillow.	Taylor.
Pope.	Templeton.
Raiden.	Terrell.
Reeves.	Thompson
Roemer.	of Hunt.
Sackett.	Tilson.
Sentell.	Valentine.
Schlesinger.	Waiker.
Scholl.	White.
Sholars.	Williams
Smith of Bastrop.	of Brazoria.
Smith of Hopkins.	Williford.
Smith of Scurry.	Wilson.
Spencer of Nolan.	Woods.
Spradley.	Woodul.
Swope.	Yantis.

Nays—15.

Bagby.	Low
Bedell.	of Washington.
Bertram.	McCoy.
Blackburn.	McDowra.
Blackmon.	McMillin.
Bland.	Miller of Austin.
Brown.	Morris.
Cadenhead.	O'Brien.
Davis of Grimes.	Peyton.
Dudley.	Poage.
Dunnam.	Richards.
Fairchild.	Russell.
Fly.	Sallas.
Haidusek.	Schlosshan.
Hardey.	Seawright.
Harris.	Spencer of Wise.
Hartman.	Stewart.
Hawkins.	Thomas.
Hudspeth.	Thompson
Lans.	of Red River.
Lee.	Trayler.
Lindemann.	Tschoepe.
Lowe	Upchurch.
of McMullen.	Ventch.

Present—Not Voting.

Beard of Milam.	McComb.
Cates.	

Absent.

Bledsoe.	Thomason
Bryant.	of El Paso.
Greenwood.	Thomason
Monday.	of Nacogdoches.
Moore.	Tillotson.
Robertson.	Williams
Rogers.	of McLennan.
Strayhorn.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Martin.
De Bogory.	Tinner.
Fitzpatrick.	Wahrmund.

Mr. Parks moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 64 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 64, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1162 of Chapter 3, Title 25, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, conferring on corporations the power to borrow money, the purpose of the amendment being to permit corporations to borrow in excess of the amount of their authorized capital stock, and to declare an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Woods offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 64 by adding after the word "corporation" at end of Section 1, the following: "Provided, that the indebtedness to be incurred shall be duly authorized and shall not, when so incurred, exceed the total solvent assets of said corporation, including the solvent assets added or to be added by such increased indebtedness."

On motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas, the amendment was tabled.

Mr. Pillow moved the previous question on the passage of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

Senate bill No. 64 was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—82.

Bagby.	Hartman.
Baker.	Hill.
Beard of Harris.	Holland.
Bedell.	Hudspeth.
Bell.	Johnson.
Blackburn.	Jones.
Blackmon.	Laas.
Blalock.	Laney.
Bland.	Lange.
Bledsoe.	Lanier.
Boner.	Lindemann.
Brown.	Lowe.
Burton of Tarrant.	of McMullen.
Canales.	Low.
Cates.	of Washington.
Clark.	McFarland.
Crudgington.	McMillin.
Davis of Grimes.	Meador.
Dodd.	Mendell.
Dudley.	Metcalfe.
Dunnam.	Miller of Austin.
Estes.	Miller of Dallas.
Fisher.	Moore.
Florer.	Morris.
Fly.	Neeley.
Greenwood.	Nichols.
Haidusek.	Nordhaus.
Hardey.	Parks.

Pillow.	Thomason
Poage.	of Nacogdoches.
Pope.	Thompson
Richards.	of Hunt.
Roemer.	Thompson
Sallas.	of Red River.
Schlesinger.	Tillotson.
Schlosshan.	Tschoepe.
Sholars.	Upchurch.
Spencer of Nolan.	Valentine.
Spradley.	White.
Swope.	Williams
Taylor.	of Brazoria.
Templeton.	Williams
Thomas.	of McLennan.
Thomason	Wilson.
of El Paso.	Woodul.

Nays—43.

Beard of Milam.	O'Brien.
Beasley.	Osborne.
Bertram.	Peddy.
Bryan.	Peyton.
Bryant.	Raiden.
Burton of Rusk.	Reeves.
Butler.	Russell.
Cadenhead.	Sackett.
Cope.	Sentell.
Davis of Dallas.	Scholl.
Davis	Seawright.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Hopkins.
Harris.	Smith of Scurry.
Hawkins.	Spencer of Wise.
Lacey.	Stewart.
Lee.	Terrell.
McComb.	Tilson.
McCoy.	Traylor.
McDowra.	Veatch.
Murrell.	Walker.
Neill.	Williford.
O'Banion.	Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

Cox.

Absent.

Beason.	Rogers.
Carlock.	Smith of Bastrop.
Denton.	Strayhorn.
Fairchild.	Yantis.
Monday.	

Absent—Excused.

DeBogory.	Robertson.
Fitzpatrick.	Tinner.
Martin.	Wahrmund.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Laney, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 182 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, it was ordered that House bill No. 725 be not printed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

Mr. Blalock submitted the following report of the committee to visit the Comptroller's office and to investigate the needs of that department for additional employees:

Austin, Texas, February 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: We, your committee recently appointed to visit and confer with the Comptroller of this State relative to certain appropriations requested by that department, beg leave to submit the following:

On February 15 the entire committee called at the Comptroller's office and spent some time in visiting the various divisions and sub-divisions, and conferred with the Comptroller about the matters referred to. We found that this office is crowded with business of the most important nature, and is conducted by a corps of most efficient and industrious employes, the entire work being supervised by the Hon. H. B. Terrell in a careful and systematic manner. The work of this department has increased enormously during the last few years, yet in spite of that fact the help employed in that department has been decreased, and there is less help in this department now than there was ten years ago, despite the fact that more than twice as much business is conducted as at that time.

In asking for additional help the Comptroller has been very careful that this help should go to those departments most crowded with business and in which the employes are overworked; in many cases being absolutely unable to attend to all matters as they should be attended to. We recommend that the additional help requested shall be provided for by this Legislature, believing that each clerk requested is urgently needed, and that the Comptroller has been very conservative in asking for the small number that he has.

As stated by the Comptroller, in his communication to the House, there has never been heretofore an account kept of the delinquent taxes due the State by the respective counties, and after investigating this matter, we are of the opinion that the State has lost hundreds of thousands of dollars through neglect-

ing to provide the department which the Comptroller now requests. We recommend that the delinquent tax department be established purely as a business proposition, as no one can have any personal interest in this matter and can only be prompted by his desire that the business of the State should be taken care of in this respect. Believing that such a department would collect hundreds of thousands of dollars which are now due the State, we urgently suggest its establishment.

The Comptroller is asking for an increase in the salaries of six employes. We find that some of these employes have been forced to leave their families at their homes in small towns and to live apart from them because their salaries are not sufficient to support those families at this place. One of the most efficient officials in this State is the present chief clerk of the Comptroller's office, a man of unquestionable honor and integrity, of proven ability, and one who could easily command a much greater salary in the public world; and to him the success of the Comptroller's office is largely due. We believe that he should not be called upon to give his time and service to the State of Texas for a less amount than that requested by the Comptroller.

The chief bookkeeper in the Comptroller's office is a man with great responsibility in his hands. He has proven his value to the State of Texas upon several occasions by discovering many discrepancies in accounts and causing large recoveries for the State. This man has been forced to leave his family away from Austin in order that his salary might meet the expenses of the home. Because of this fact, he at one time tendered his resignation to the Comptroller, but was prevailed upon to stay in the service with the hope of having his salary increased. In fact, we believe that the Comptroller has only asked for increases in cases of imperative necessity and that justice demands each and every one of them. We, therefore, recommend that these increases be allowed.

The committee was very much surprised to find that this large office, with the most valuable records in the State, is left every night without any one as a watchman. Upon more than one occasion books and records have disappeared from the department, which can never be replaced. We believe that it would be an economy for the State and a safe public policy to provide a night watchman.

for this department in order to insure us against further losses of valuable books and records.

The Comptroller is asking \$7500 each year for the purpose of buying files and cases in which to file away old and invaluable records which are now disgracefully strewn upon the floor in disorderly fashion in the basement of this building. Upon visiting the basement, this committee was astounded to learn that any such condition was tolerated to exist by this State. We believe that two or three times the amount of money requested by the Comptroller should be immediately appropriated for this purpose, and we most urgently recommend that the amount asked by the Comptroller be given him.

We wish to heartily endorse the able and efficient administration of the present Comptroller and the efficient, careful and systematic manner in which the business of this department is conducted. We believe that he has made every recommendation in honesty and in good faith, having only the interests of the State in view. With these remarks, we recommend that the Legislature provide such new employes and increases as the Comptroller has requested.

BLALOCK.

POAGE.

BONER.

LOW of Washington.

MARTIN.

The report was read and was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 81 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 81, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 5982 and 5988 of Title 96 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to navigation districts, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. O'Brien moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 149 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 149, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 177 of the General Laws of the State of Texas,

passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas relating to county libraries."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Carlock moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

INVITATION TO CHORAL CLUB.

Mr. Mendell offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Paul Quinn Choral Club, a negro singing club, will sing in the city auditorium tomorrow night, and are anxious to entertain this House with a few songs; therefore, be it

Resolved, That said club be invited to sing in this House at 1:30 p. m., Friday.

Signed—Mendell, Poage, Boner.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 216 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 216, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Seventy-sixth and Seventh Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, so as to declare what counties compose the Seventy-sixth Judicial District and the Seventh Judicial District; to fix the time of holding court in the various counties of said districts; to make the process issued to be served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds returnable to the courts as herein fixed, and continuing in office judges and district attorneys in each of said districts; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 235 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 235, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 23, Chapter 75, General Laws of Texas, creating Duval and other counties, approved February 1, 1858; and to amend Section 1, Chapter 73, General Laws of Texas, creating Jim Hogg county, approved March 31, 1913, the purpose of this act being to change the boundary

line between Duval and Jim Hogg counties, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Pope offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend the caption of the bill by adding after the word "county" in the last line except one, and before the words "to repeal" the following: "providing for the payment by Jim Hogg county to Duval county the proportion of the liabilities of Duval county on the territory so taken from it and attached to Jim Hogg county."

(2)

Amend the bill by adding after Section 2 the following:

"Section 2a. The part of the territory hereby detached from Duval county and attached to Jim Hogg county shall be holden for and obliged to pay to Duval county its proportion of all liabilities existing at the date the election was held to detach the same as provided in Article 1339 of the Revised Civil Statutes."

The amendments were adopted.

(Mr. Blalock in the chair.)

Question recurring on the passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

Senate bill No. 235 was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—111.

Bagby.	Dudley.
Baker.	Dunnam.
Beard of Harris.	Estes.
Beard of Milam.	Fairchild.
Beason.	Fisher.
Bell.	Florer.
Bertram.	Fly.
Blackburn.	Greenwood.
Blackmon.	Haidusek.
Boner.	Hardey.
Brown.	Harris.
Bryan.	Hartman.
Bryant.	Hawkins.
Burton of Rusk.	Holland.
Burton of Tarrant.	Hudspeth.
Butler.	Johnson.
Cadenhead.	Jones.
Canales.	Laas.
Cates.	Lacey.
Clark.	Laney.
Cox.	Lange.
Crudgington.	Lanier.
Davis of Dallas.	Lee.
Davis of Grimes.	Lindemann.
Davis	Low
of Van Zandt.	of McMullen.
Denton.	Low
Dodd.	of Washington.

McComb.	Schlosshan.
McCoy.	Scholl.
McDowra.	Seawright.
McFarland.	Sholars.
McMillin.	Smith of Hopkins.
Mendell.	Smith of Scurry.
Metcalfe.	Spencer of Nolan.
Miller of Austin.	Spradley.
Miller of Dallas.	Strayhorn.
Morris.	Swope.
Murrell.	Taylor.
Neeley.	Thomas.
Neill.	Thomason
Nichols.	of Nacogdoches.
Nordhaus.	Thompson
O'Banion.	of Hunt.
O'Brien.	Thompson
Osborne.	of Red River.
Parks.	Tilson.
Peddy.	Tschoepe.
Pillow.	Upchurch.
Poage.	Valentine.
Pope.	Veatch.
Raiden.	Walker.
Reeves.	White.
Richards.	Williams
Roemer.	of Brazoria.
Russell.	Williford.
Sackett.	Wilson.
Sallas.	Woodul.
Sentell.	Yantis.

Nays—7.

Blalock.	Stewart.
Cope.	Traylor.
Meador.	Woods.
Peyton.	

Absent.

Beasley	Schlesinger.
Bedell.	Smith of Bastrop.
Bland.	Spencer of Wise.
Bledsoe.	Templeton.
Carlöck.	Terrell.
Hill.	Thomason
Monday.	of El Paso.
Moore.	Tillotson.
Robertson.	Williams
Rogers.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

De Bogory.	Tinner.
Fitzpatrick.	Wahrmund.
Martin.	

Mr. Pope moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 238 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 238, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize cities, towns and villages, incorporated under and by vir-

tue of any act of the Congress of the Republic of Texas, general or special, to accept the provisions of Chapters 1 to 13, both inclusive, of Title 22, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and amendments of 1911, 1913 and 1915 thereto, upon a two-thirds vote of the city, town or village council thereof to enlarge or diminish, alter or change and redefine the bounds and limits of such cities, towns and villages so as to make them conform to the requirements of Article 777 of the Revised Statutes, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Holland offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 238, on page 3, at the end of Section 3, line 27, by adding the following: "Provided, when any such city, town or village has a population less than one thousand no debt for more than one thousand dollars shall be contracted for or incurred until it has been submitted by election to the qualified voters of such city, town or village and approved by a majority vote at such election."

On motion of Mr. Russell, the amendment was tabled.

Senate bill No. 238 was then passed.

Mr. Russell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

(Speaker in the chair.)

SENATE BILL NO. 216 ON FINAL PASSAGE.

Mr. Williams of Brazoria moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 216 was passed.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

The Speaker then laid the bill before the House on its final passage.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—110.

Bagby.	Burton of Rusk.
Baker.	Burton of Tarrant.
Beard of Milam.	Cadenhead.
Beasley.	Cope.
Beason.	Cox.
Bell.	Crudginton.
Bertram.	Davis of Dallas.
Blackburn.	Davis of Grimes.
Blackmon.	Davis
Blalock.	of Van Zandt.
Bland.	Denton.
Boner.	Dodd.
Bryan.	Dudley.
Bryant.	Dunnam.

Estes.	Poage.
Fairchild.	Pope.
Fisher.	Raiden.
Florer.	Reeves.
Fly.	Richards.
Hardey.	Roemer.
Hartman.	Russell.
Hawkins.	Sackett.
Holland.	Sallas.
Hudspeth.	Sentell.
Johnson.	Schlosshan.
Jones.	Scholl.
Laas.	Smith of Hopkins.
Lacey.	Smith of Scurry.
Lange.	Spencer of Wise.
Lanier.	Spradley.
Lee.	Stewart.
Lindemann.	Strayhorn.
Lowe	Swope.
of McMullen.	Taylor.
Low	Templeton.
of Washington.	Terrell.
McComb.	Thomas.
McCoy.	Thomason
McDowra.	of Nacogdoches.
McFarland.	Thompson
McMillin.	of Hunt.
Meador.	Thompson
Mendell.	of Red River.
Metcalfe.	Traylor.
Miller of Austin.	Tschoepe.
Miller of Dallas.	Upchurch.
Moore.	Valentine.
Morris.	Veatch.
Murrell.	Walker.
Neeley.	White.
Neill.	Williams
Nordhaus.	of Brazoria.
O'Banion.	Williams
O'Brien.	of McLennan.
Osborne.	Williford.
Parks.	Wilson.
Peddy.	Woods.
Peyton.	Woodul.
Pillow.	Yantis.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Laney.
Bedell.	Monday.
Bledsoe.	Nichols.
Brown.	Rogers.
Butler.	Schlesinger.
Canales.	Seawright.
Carlock.	Sholars.
Cates.	Smith of Bastrop.
Clark.	Spencer of Nolan.
Greenwood.	Thomason
Haidusek.	of El Paso.
Harris.	Tillotson.
Hill.	Tilson.

Absent—Excused.

De Bogory.	Robertson.
Fitzpatrick.	Tinner.
Martin.	Wahrmund.

(Mr. Blalock in the chair.)

**SENATE BILL NO. 317 ON THIRD
READING.**

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 317, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize cities of over five thousand population to adopt or amend their charters by consolidation with an adjoining city in the same county under the name and government of the larger of said cities; authorizing the holding of joint elections by the qualified voters of said cities for the purpose of determining whether or not such consolidation shall take place; defining the term 'consolidation'; providing that in event a majority of the qualified voters voting at such election in each of said cities shall vote in favor of consolidation the result shall be certified to the Secretary of State, and recorded by him, and providing for the recording of returns of such elections by the officers of the respective cities, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

**SENATE BILL NO. 325 ON THIRD
READING.**

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 325, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 19, Section 1, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, changing the time of holding the terms of the district court in the Twenty-third Judicial District of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

**SENATE BILL NO. 330 ON THIRD
READING.**

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 330, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a criminal district court for the counties of Nueces, Kleberg, Willacy and Cameron, and to prescribe the jurisdiction thereof as a criminal court; and also conferring upon said court the power to try and determine divorce suits, to fix time for holding the terms thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

**SENATE BILL NO. 355 ON THIRD
READING.**

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 355, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring that all bonds issued under and by virtue of the Federal Farm Loan Act approved by the President of the United States July 17, 1916, shall be lawful investment for all fiduciary and trust funds and may be accepted as security for all public deposits where deposits of bonds or mortgages are authorized by law to be accepted; declaring such bonds lawful investment for all funds which may be lawfully invested by guardians, administrators, trustees and receivers for saving deposits of State banks, for banks, savings banks and trust companies chartered under the laws of Texas, for all insurance companies chartered or transacting business under the laws of Texas where investments are required or permitted, and providing that where such bonds are secured by notes or other obligations the payment of which is secured by mortgage, deed of trust or other valid lien upon real estate situated in this State, then that such bond or bonds shall be regarded for investment purposes by insurance companies as Texas securities, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—111.

Baker.	Davis of Grimes.
Beard of Harris.	Davis
Beard of Milam.	of Van Zandt.
Beasley.	Denton.
Beason.	Dodd.
Bedell.	Dudley.
Bertram.	Dunnam.
Blackburn.	Estes.
Blackmon.	Fairchild.
Blalock.	Fisher.
Bland.	Florer.
Boner.	Fly.
Brown.	Greenwood.
Bryan.	Haidusek.
Burton of Rusk.	Hardey.
Burton of Tarrant.	Harris.
Butler.	Hartman.
Cadenhead.	Hawkins.
Canales.	Hudspeth.
Cates.	Jones.
Cope.	Laas.
Cox.	Lacey.
Crudgington.	Laney.
Davis of Dallas.	Lange.

Lanier.	Scholl.
Lindemann.	Seawright.
Lowe	Smith of Bastrop.
of McMullen.	Smith of Hopkins.
Low	Smith of Scurry.
of Washington.	Spencer of Nolan.
McComb.	Spradley.
McCoy.	Stewart.
McDowra.	Strayhorn.
McFarland.	Swope.
McMillin.	Taylor.
Meador.	Templeton.
Mendell.	Terrell.
Metcalfe.	Thomas.
Miller of Dallas.	Thomason
Morris.	of El Paso.
Murrell.	Thomason
Neeley.	of Nacogdoches.
Neill.	Thompson
Nichols.	of Hunt.
Nordhaus.	Thompson
O'Banion.	of Red River.
O'Brien.	Tillotson.
Osborne.	Trayler.
Parks.	Tschoepe.
Peddy.	Upchurch.
Pillow.	Veatch.
Raiden.	Walker.
Reeves.	White.
Richards.	Williams
Roemer.	of McLennan.
Russell.	Williford.
Sackett.	Wilson.
Sallas.	Woods.
Sentell.	Yantis.
Schlosshan.	

Present—Not Voting.

Lee.

Absent.

Bagby.	Peyton.
Bell.	Poage.
Bledsoe.	Pope.
Bryant.	Rogers.
Carlock.	Schlesinger.
Clark.	Sholars.
Hill.	Spencer of Wise.
Holland.	Tilson.
Johnson.	Valentine.
Miller of Austin.	Williams
Monday.	of Brazoria.
Moore.	Woodul.

Absent—Excused.

De Bogory.	Robertson.
Fitzpatrick.	Tinner.
Martin.	Wahrmund.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 474, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Wilson Independent School District, in Lynn county, Texas, and defining the boundaries thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 596, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Maydelle Independent School District in Cherokee county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 432, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the limits of the Sweetwater Independent School District by adding thereto certain territory from adjoining districts, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 32, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3903, Chapter 4, Title 58, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of the State of Texas, and as amended by Chapter 142 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature," with amendments.

S. B. No. 264, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and permit W. A. Eastham, Duncan Eastham and Luther Eastham, Jr., as executors of and devisees under the last will of Mrs. Delha Eastham, deceased, to sue the State of Texas and the Prison Commissioners of the State of Texas in the district court of Walker county for damages for the breaches, if any, and failure, if any, to perform the duties and obligations, if any, arising out of the contract made between Mrs. Delha Eastham, then a widow, now deceased, and J. A. Herring, then superintendent, and J. C. Haynes, then financial agent of the penitentiaries of the State of Texas."

S. B. No. 265, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and permit B. A. Eastham to sue the State of Texas and the Prison Commission of the State of Texas in the district court of Walker county, Texas, for damages for the breaches, if any, and the failure, if any to perform the duties and obligations, if any, arising out of the contract made on or about the 12th day of January, A. D. 1910, between

the said B. A. Eastham of the one side and J. A. Herring as superintendent, and A. M. Barton as financial agent, of the Texas State penitentiaries, of the other side."

The Senate has adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18, inviting former Senator Joseph W. Bailey to visit Austin and address the Legislature and the people.

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Metcalfe, the House, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the Speaker.

SENATE BILL NO. 360 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 360, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Longview, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Longview and to grant it a new charter; to define its powers and to prescribe its duties and liabilities, and to declare an emergency,' as passed by the First Called Session of the Thirty-second Legislature of Texas, by amending Sections 8, 9 and 72 of the charter of the city of Longview by adding thereto Section 9a, providing for the appointment of a city treasurer, fixing his salary and prescribing his powers and duties and fixing his term of office, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—114.

Baker.	Bryant.
Beard of Milam.	Burton of Rusk.
Beasley.	Burton of Tarrant.
Bedell.	Butler.
Bell.	Cadenhead.
Bertram.	Canales.
Blackburn.	Carlock.
Blackmon.	Cates.
Blalock.	Clark.
Boner.	Cope.
Bryan.	Cox.

Crudgington.	Pope.
Davis of Dallas.	Raiden.
Davis of Grimes.	Reeves.
Denton.	Richards.
Dodd.	Roemer.
Dudley.	Russell.
Dunnam.	Sackett.
Estes.	Sallas.
Fairchild.	Sentell.
Fly.	Schlesinger.
Haidusek.	Schlosshan.
Hardey.	Scholl.
Hartman.	Seawright.
Hawkins.	Sholars.
Hill.	Smith of Bastrop.
Holland.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hudspeth.	Smith of Scurry.
Johnson.	Spencer of Nolan.
Laas.	Spencer of Wise.
Lacey.	Spradley.
Laney.	Stewart.
Lange.	Swope.
Lanier.	Taylor.
Lee.	Templeton.
Lindemann.	Terrell.
Lowe.	Thomas.
of McMullen.	Thomason.
Low.	of El Paso.
of Washington.	Thomason.
McComb.	of Nacogdoches.
McCoy.	Thompson.
McDowra.	of Hunt.
McMillin.	Thompson.
Meador.	of Red River.
Mendell.	Tillotson.
Metcalfe.	Tilson.
Miller of Austin.	Trayler.
Miller of Dallas.	Tschoepe.
Moore.	Upchurch.
Murrell.	Valentine.
Neeley.	Veatch.
Neill.	Walker.
Nordhaus.	White.
O'Banion.	Williams.
O'Brien.	of Brazoria.
Osborne.	Williford.
Parks.	Wilson.
Peyton.	Woods.
Pillow.	Woodul.
Poage.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Jones.
Beard of Harris.	McFarland.
Beason.	Monday.
Bland.	Morris.
Bledsoe.	Nichols.
Brown.	Peddy.
Davis.	Rogers.
of Van Zandt.	Strayhorn.
Fisher.	Williams.
Florer.	of McLennan.
Greenwood.	Yantis.
Harris.	

Absent—Excused.

De Bogory.	Fitzpatrick.
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Martin.
Robertson.

Tinner.
Wahrmund.

Mr. Blalock moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 379 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 379, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of House bill No. 34 enacted by the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and approved by the Governor February 13, 1917, relating to the creation of a juvenile board within certain counties of this State, and prescribing the duties and powers of such board, including the appointment by it of probation officers, and providing for the payment of compensation of such officers, and allowing the said district judges an additional salary to be paid out of the general revenue fund of such county, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and the House refused to pass the bill.

Mr. Carlock moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to pass the bill, and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread upon the Journal.

SENATE BILL NO. 54 ON FINAL PASSAGE.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its final passage,

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Eighty-first Judicial District in the State of Texas, said district to be composed of the counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Carson; to fix the jurisdiction of said district court in said district and the terms of court in said several counties in said district, and providing for a judge thereof and a district attorney; reorganizing the Thirty-first, Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Judicial Districts of Texas; fixing a time of holding court in the Thirty-first, Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Judicial Districts; to provide that all cases now on the dockets of counties of the district courts of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Carson counties be transferred to the dockets of the Eighty-first Judicial District created by this act; to provide that the district clerks and sheriffs elected in the counties of Hall, Donley, Armstrong and Carson and their successors in office be alike the officers of each of said district

courts of said county; providing for the return of all process and validation of the same issued or to be issued by the courts of the Thirty-first, Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Districts in the counties of Hall, Armstrong and Carson be returnable to the district court of the Eighty-first Judicial District; to provide for the appointment of the judge of said Eighty-first Judicial District and for the appointment of the district attorney for said Eighty-first Judicial District, and fixing their compensation, and declaring an emergency."

The bill having been read third time on last Thursday, February 15th.

Question recurring on the final passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The House refused to pass the bill by the following vote:

Yeas—55.

Bedell.	Pillow.
Bell.	Pope.
Brown.	Roemer.
Bryant.	Russell.
Burton of Tarrant.	Sallas.
Canales.	Schlesinger.
Cates.	Scholl.
Cox.	Sholars.
Estes.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fisher.	Spradley.
Florer.	Strayhorn.
Greenwood.	Swope.
Haidusek.	Templeton.
Hardey.	Thomas.
Hartman.	Thomason
Hudspeth.	of El Paso.
Laas.	Thomason
Lange.	of Nacogdoches.
Lindemann.	Thompson
Low	of Red River.
of Washington.	Tschoepe.
McCoy.	Upchurch.
Mendell.	Valentine.
Morris.	Walker.
Neeley.	Williams
Nordhaus.	of Brazoria.
O'Banion.	Williams
O'Brien.	of McLennan.
Osborne.	Woodul.
Parks.	Yantis.
Peyton.	

Nays—61.

Baker.	Butler.
Beard of Harris.	Cadenhead.
Beasley.	Cope.
Bertram.	Crudgington.
Blackmon.	Davis of Dallas.
Blalock.	Davis of Grimes.
Bland.	Davis
Boner.	of Van Zandt.
Bryan.	Dodd.
Burton of Rusk.	Dudley.

Dunnam.	Poage.
Fairchild.	Raiden.
Fly.	Reeves.
Harris.	Sackett.
Hawkins.	Sentell.
Hill.	Seawright.
Holland.	Smith of Bastrop.
Lacey.	Smith of Hopkins.
Laney.	Smith of Scurry.
Lanier.	Spencer of Wise.
Lee.	Stewart.
Lowe.	Taylor.
of McMullen.	Terrell.
McComb.	Thompson.
McDowra.	of Hunt.
McMillin.	Tillotson.
Meador.	Tilson.
Metcalfe.	Trayler.
Miller of Austin.	Veatch.
Moore.	White.
Murrell.	Wilson.
Neill.	Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

Beard of Milam.	Miller of Dallas.
Bledsoe.	Nichols.
Johnson.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Monday.
Beason.	Peddy.
Blackburn.	Richards.
Clark.	Robertson.
Denton.	Rogers.
Jones.	Schlosshan.
McFarland.	

Absent—Excused.

De Bogory.	Tinner.
Fitzpatrick.	Wahrmund.
Martin.	

Paired.

Mr. Williford (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Carlock (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Crudginton moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to pass the bill and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. J. R. No. 12, A joint resolution proposing to amend Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto at the end thereof another section to be known as Section 49, declaring the conservation and preservation of all the natural resources of

the State of Texas are public rights and duties; providing for the creation of conservation districts; declaring such districts bodies politic and corporate; defining the authority of such districts, and conferring upon the Legislature authority to pass laws with reference thereto; declaring that the Legislature shall have authority generally to legislate for the purpose of conserving the natural resources of the State; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment; making certain provisions for said election and the ballots thereof and the method thereof; directing the issuance of the proclamation therefor; prescribing certain duties of the Governor of the State, and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said election.

S. B. No. 349, "An Act to reorganize the Eighteenth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to reorganize the Twenty-ninth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to provide that Somervell county shall be taken from the Twenty-ninth Judicial District and transferred to the Eighteenth Judicial District of the State of Texas; and to prescribe the time for the holding of the courts in said districts, and to make all process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds returnable to the terms of court in the several counties and districts as herein fixed, to validate such process, recognizances and bonds, and to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 264, to the Judiciary Committee.

S. B. No. 265, to the Judiciary Committee.

INVITATION TO HON. J. W. BAILEY.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 18, Inviting Hon. J. W. Bailey to address the Legislature.

Whereas, Our country is witnessing the most turbulent times ever known in the history of the world, a time when wisdom and patriotism on the part of every citizen are needed for both the

immediate and future welfare of our beloved country, to guide us in all our words and actions; and

Whereas, We learn from reliable sources that a distinguished citizen of our State, former United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey, whose eminent services to his State and country have challenged the admiration of all, and shown him to be one of the truly wise and great men of his time; a man who has the brain to grasp and the courage to proclaim the truths that underlie and uphold this free republic, is to visit Fort Worth in the near future as the guest of that city; and

Whereas, This distinguished statesman, though having voluntarily retired from public office, still enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens, and his voice is still potent in leading the people in safe paths; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate and House of Representatives extend to him an urgent invitation to visit Austin at an early day and address the Legislature and the public on whatever subject may appear to him to be most important at this time to the welfare of our State and nation.

Resolved, That a committee of six be appointed, three by the Lieutenant Governor on the part of the Senate, and three by the Speaker of the House on the part of that body, to convey to our distinguished fellow citizen the invitation herein and hereby extended him with the earnest hope that he will see fit to accept same.

Signed—Clark, McNealus, Hudspeth, Woodward, Caldwell, Gibson, Page, Decherd, Smith, Hall, Alderdice, King, Parr, Buchanan of Bell, Harley, McCollum, Bee, Dayton.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee on the part of the House:

Messrs. Murrell, Fly and Low of Washington.

Mr. Bagby moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 32 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Miller of Dallas called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 32, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3903, Chapter 4, Title 58, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of the State of Texas, and as amended by Chapter 142 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, relating to the appointment of certain officers named in Articles 3881 and 3886 of the Revised Civil Statutes, of deputies or assistants in the performance of the duties of such officers where such assistants or deputies are necessary for the efficiency of the public service; providing for an application to be made by such officers to the county judge of the county for authority to appoint same; prescribing the issuance by the county judge of an order authorizing the appointment of such deputies or assistants; providing that the officer desiring such deputies or assistants shall make affidavit that such assistants or deputies are necessary for the efficiency of the public service; providing for the salary of the chief deputy and the other deputies or assistants; providing that the order of the county judge granting such authority shall state the number of deputies or assistants; providing that the officer requesting said deputies or assistants shall fix their compensation; providing the maximum amount allowed for deputies in counties having population of 37,500 to 100,000; providing the maximum amount allowed deputies in counties having a population in excess of 100,000; and providing that, in counties in excess of 100,000 inhabitants, district attorneys of any district or county attorney is authorized, with the consent of the county judge of said county, to appoint two assistants in addition to his regular force, which two assistants shall not be required to possess same qualifications required by law for district and county attorneys; providing amount paid said deputies, also providing for fifty dollars per month for necessary expenses, etc."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved that the House concur in the Senate amendments.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the House concurred in the Senate amendments by the following vote:

Yeas—117.

Bagby.

Baker.

Beard of Harris.	Metcalfe.
Beard of Milam.	Miller of Austin.
Beasley.	Miller of Dallas.
Beason.	Moore.
Bedell.	Morris.
Bell.	Murrell.
Blackburn.	Neeley.
Blackmon.	Neill.
Blalock.	Nichols.
Bland.	Nordhaus.
Bledsoe.	O'Brien.
Boner.	Osborne.
Brown.	Parks.
Bryan.	Peddy.
Bryant.	Poage.
Burton of Rusk.	Pope.
Burton of Tarrant.	Richards.
Butler.	Roemer.
Cadenhead.	Russell.
Canales.	Sackett.
Carlock.	Sallas.
Cates.	Sentell.
Clark.	Schlesinger.
Cope.	Scholl.
Cox.	Seawright.
Crudgington.	Sholars.
Davis of Grimes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Davis	Smith of Hopkins.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Scurry.
Denton.	Spencer of Nolan.
Dodd.	Spencer of Wise.
Dudley.	Spradley.
Estes.	Stewart.
Fisher.	Strayhorn.
Florer.	Templeton.
Fly.	Terrell.
Greenwood.	Thomas.
Haidusek.	Thomason
Hardey.	of El Paso.
Hartman.	Thomason
Hawkins.	of Nacogdoches.
Hill.	Thompson
Holland.	of Hunt.
Hudspeth.	Thompson
Johnson.	of Red River.
Jones.	Tillotson.
Laas.	Tilson.
Laney.	Trayler.
Lange.	Tschoepe.
Lanier.	Upchurch.
Lindemann.	Valentine.
Lowe	Walker.
of McMullen.	White.
Low	Williams
of Washington.	of Brazoria.
McComb.	Williams
McCoy.	of McLennan.
McDowra.	Williford.
McFarland.	Wilson.
McMillin.	Woods.
Meador.	Woodul.
Mendell.	Yantis.

Nays—9.

Bertram.	Dunnam.
Davis of Dallas.	Fairchild.

Lacey.	Raiden.
Lee.	Reeves.
Peyton.	

Present—Not Voting.

Veatch.	Absent.
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De Bogory.	Rogers.
Harris.	Schlosshan.
Monday.	Swope.
O'Banion.	Taylor.
Pillow.	

Absent—Excused.

Fitzpatrick.	Tinner.
Martin.	Wahrmund.
Robertson.	

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in the Senate amendments, and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 225 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 225, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Georgetown Independent School District in the county of Williamson, State of Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—120.

Bagby.	Canales.
Baker.	Clark.
Beard of Harris.	Cope.
Beard of Milam.	Cox.
Beasley.	Crudgington.
Beason.	Davis of Dallas.
Bedell.	Davis of Grimes.
Bell.	Davis
Bertram.	of Van Zandt.
Blackburn.	Dodd.
Blackmon.	Dudley.
Blalock.	Dunnam.
Bland.	Estes.
Bledsoe.	Fairchild.
Boner.	Fisher.
Brown.	Florer.
Bryan.	Fly.
Bryant.	Greenwood.
Burton of Rusk.	Haidusek.
Burton of Tarrant.	Hardey.
Butler.	Hartman.
Cadenhead.	Hawkins.

Hill.	Richards.
Holland.	Roemer.
Hudspeth.	Rogers.
Johnson.	Russell.
Jones.	Sackett.
Laas.	Sentell.
Lacey.	Schlesinger.
Laney.	Scholl.
Lange.	Smith of Bastrop.
Lanier.	Smith of Hopkins.
Lee.	Smith of Scurry.
Lindemann.	Spencer of Nolan.
Lowe	Spradley.
of McMullen.	Stewart.
Low	Strayhorn.
of Washington.	Swope.
McComb.	Taylor.
McCoy.	Templeton.
McDowra.	Terrell.
McFarland.	Thomas.
McMillin.	Thomason
Meador.	of El Paso.
Mendell.	Thompson
Metcalfe.	of Hunt.
Miller of Austin.	Thompson
Miller of Dallas.	of Red River.
Moore.	Tilson.
Morris.	Trayler.
Murrell.	Tschoepe.
Neeley.	Upchurch.
Neill.	Valentine.
Nichols.	Veatch.
Nordhaus.	White.
O'Brien.	Williams
Osborne.	of Brazoria.
Parks.	Williams
Peddy.	of McLennan.
Peyton.	Williford.
Poage.	Wilson.
Pope.	Woods.
Raiden.	Woodul.
Reeves.	Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Carlock. Seawright.

Absent.

Cates.	Schlosshan.
De Bogory.	Sholars.
Denton.	Spencer of Wise.
Harris.	Thomason
Monday.	of Nacogdoches.
O'Banion.	Tillotson.
Pillow.	Walker.
Sallas.	

Absent—Excused.

Fitzpatrick.	Tinner.
Martin.	Wahrmund.
Robertson.	

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

Mr. Bland moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 259, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for McCulloch county, Texas; defining the powers and duties of the commissioners court of said county in adopting such system, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 554, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Chappell Hill Independent School District in Madison county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 563, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court of Real county; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 49, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 41 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Coryell county, Texas, etc.,' as the same was amended by an act of the Thirtieth Legislature, known as House bill No. 339, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 512, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the office of county road supervisor for Mills county, and prescribing the method for his appointment, duties and salary, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 539, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Lipscomb Independent School District in Lipscomb county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 289, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the return of pension warrants where the pensioner dies during the quarter for which the warrant was issued, the cancellation of the same, and the issuance of a mortuary warrant to pay the funeral expenses of the deceased pensioner, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 509, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Blanket Independent School District in Brown and

Comanche counties, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 487, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Gillespie county, Texas, and making the commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners in their respective precincts, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for the compensation of road commissioners, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 510, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define the duties of county commissioners of San Patricio county, Texas, relating to the appointment and supervision of road overseers in defined road districts, and fixing the compensation of the commissioners of San Patricio county, Texas, when acting as ex-officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 414, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Crockett Independent School District in Houston county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; divesting the city of Crockett of the control of its public free schools, and the title of all property now held and used for public school purposes; investing said district with the rights, powers, privileges and duties of a town or village incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws; creating the trustees of said independent school district a board of equalization thereof, and conferring upon them the power and so forth given by the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 393, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 42 of Article 30, Title 5, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, so as to provide for the holding of four terms of district court in Taylor and Eastland counties, changing the time of holding court in Stephens, Callahan and Shackelford counties, and reducing the terms of court in Stephens county from four to three weeks each."

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 284 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 284, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Barnhart Inde-

pendent School District, in Irion county, Texas, and defining its boundaries, and providing for the election of a board of trustees to manage and control a public free school within said district; naming the fiscal year as to taxes, investing said district with all powers, rights and duties of independent school districts formed for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—116.

Bagby.	Lange.
Baker.	Lanier.
Beard of Harris.	Lee.
Beard of Milam.	Lindemann.
Beasley.	Lowe
Beason.	of McMullen.
Bedell.	Low
Bell.	of Washington.
Bertram.	McComb.
Blackburn.	McCoy.
Blackmon.	McDowra.
Bland.	McFarland.
Bledsoe.	McMillin.
Boner.	Meador.
Brown.	Mendell.
Bryan.	Metcalfe.
Bryant.	Miller of Austin.
Burton of Rusk.	Miller of Dallas.
Burton of Tarrant.	Morris.
Butler.	Murrell.
Cadenhead.	Neeley.
Clark.	Neill.
Cope.	Nichols.
Cox.	Nordhaus.
Davis of Dallas.	O'Brien.
Davis of Grimes.	Parks.
Davis	Peddy.
of Van Zandt.	Peyton.
Denton.	Raiden.
Dodd.	Reeves.
Dudley.	Richards.
Dunnam.	Roemer.
Estes.	Rogers.
Fairchild.	Russell.
Fisher.	Sackett.
Florer.	Sallas.
Fly.	Sentell.
Greenwood.	Schlesinger.
Hardey.	Scholl.
Harris.	Seawright.
Hartman.	Sholars.
Hawkins.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hill.	Smith of Hopkins.
Holland.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hudspeth.	Spradley.
Johnson.	Stewart.
Jones.	Strayhorn.
Laas.	Swope.
Lacey.	Taylor.
Laney.	Templeton.

Terrell.	Valentine.
Thomas.	Veatch.
Thomason	White.
of Nacogdoches.	Williams
Thompson	of Brazoria.
of Hunt.	Williams
Thompson	of McLennan.
of Red River.	Williford.
Tillotson.	Wilson.
Traylor.	Woods.
Tschoepe.	Woodul.
Upchurch.	Yantis.

Absent.

Blalock.	Pillow.
Canales.	Poage.
Carlock.	Pope.
Cates.	Schlosshan.
Crudgington.	Smith of Scurry.
De Bogory.	Spencer of Wise.
Haidusek.	Thomason
Monday.	of El Paso.
Moore.	Tilson.
O'Banion.	Walker.
Osborne.	

Absent—Excused.

Fitzpatrick.	Tinner.
Martin.	Wahrmund.
Robertson.	

Mr. Metcalfe moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 290 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 290, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of an act creating the Jourdanston Independent School District in Atascosa county, Texas, being Chapter 79 of the Thirty-second Legislature of Texas, increasing the territory of said district; to amend Section 8 of said act providing for the appointment of an assessor and collector of said district; to amend Section 23 of said act, providing for the appointment of a board of equalization, and prescribing its powers and duties; to amend Section 24 of said act regulating the time of payment of taxes, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—111.

Bagby.	Beard of Harris.
Baker.	Beard of Milam.

Beasley.	Miller of Dallas.
Beason.	Moore.
Bedell.	Morris.
Bell.	Murrell.
Bertram.	Neill.
Blackburn.	Nichols.
Blackmon.	Nordhaus.
Blalock.	O'Brien.
Boner.	Osborne.
Brown.	Parks.
Bryan.	Peddy.
Burton of Rusk.	Peyton.
Butler.	Poage.
Cadenhead.	Pope.
Canales.	Reeves.
Carlock.	Richards.
Cates.	Roemer.
Clark.	Rogers.
Cope.	Russell.
Cox.	Sackett.
Crudgington.	Sallas.
Davis of Dallas.	Sentell.
Davis of Grimes.	Schlesinger.
Davis	Scholl.
of Van Zandt.	Seawright.
Dodd.	Sholars.
Dudley.	Smith of Bastrop.
Dunnam.	Smith of Hopkins.
Estes.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fisher.	Spradley.
Fly.	Stewart.
Greenwood.	Swope.
Hardey.	Taylor.
Harris.	Templeton.
Hartman.	Terrell.
Hawkins.	Thomas.
Hill.	Thomason
Holland.	of El Paso.
Jones.	Thomason
Laas.	of Nacogdoches.
Lacey.	Thompson
Laney.	of Hunt.
Lange.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Red River.
Lee.	Tilsop.
Lindemann.	Traylor.
Lowe	Upchurch.
of McMullen.	Valentine.
Low	Veatch.
of Washington.	White.
McComb.	Williams
McCoy.	of Brazoria.
McDowra.	Williford.
McMillin.	Wilson.
Meador.	Woods.
Mendell.	Woodul.
Metcalfe.	Yantis.
Miller of Austin.	

Present—Not Voting.

Raiden.	Tschoepe.
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Absent.

Bland.	Burton of Tarrant.
Bledsoe.	De Bogory.
Bryant.	Denton.

Fairchild.	Robertson.
Florer.	Schlosshan.
Haidusek.	Smith of Scurry.
Hudspeth.	Spencer of Wise.
Johnson.	Strayhorn.
McFarland.	Tillotson.
Monday.	Walker.
Neeley.	Williams
O'Banion.	of McLennan.
Pillow.	

Absent—Excused.

Fitzpatrick.	Tinner.
Martin.	Wahrmund.

Mr. Lowe of McMullen moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 303 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 303, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 15, Chapter 4, of the Local and Special Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, etc."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—113.

Bagby.	Dunnam.
Baker.	Estes.
Beard of Harris.	Fairchild.
Beasley.	Fly.
Bedell.	Greenwood.
Bell.	Haidusek.
Bertram.	Hardey.
Blackburn.	Harris.
Blackmon.	Hawkins.
Blalock.	Hill.
Boner.	Holland.
Bryan.	Hudspeth.
Bryant.	Johnson.
Burton of Rusk.	Jones.
Burton of Tarrant.	Laas.
Butler.	Lacey.
Cadenhead.	Laney.
Canales.	Lange.
Cates.	Lanier.
Clark.	Lee.
Cope.	Lindemann.
Cox.	Lowe
Crudgington.	of McMullen.
Davis of Dallas.	Low
Davis of Grimes.	of Washington.
Davis	McComb.
of Van Zandt.	McCoy.
Dodd.	McDowra.
Dudley.	McMillin.

Meador.	Sholars.
Mendell.	Smith of Bastrop.
Metcalf.	Smith of Hopkins.
Miller of Austin.	Spencer of Nolan.
Miller of Dallas.	Stewart.
Moore.	Strayhorn.
Morris.	Swope.
Murrell.	Taylor.
Neeley.	Templeton.
Neill.	Terrell.
Nichols.	Thomas.
Nordhaus.	Thomason
O'Brien.	of El Paso.
Osborne.	Thomason
Parks.	of Nacogdoches.
Peddy.	Thompson
Peyton.	of Hunt.
Poage.	Tilson.
Pope.	Traylor.
Raiden.	Tschoepe.
Reeves.	Upchurch.
Richards.	Valentine.
Roemer.	Veatch.
Rogers.	White.
Russell.	Williams
Sackett.	of Brazoria.
Sallas.	Williford.
Sentell.	Wilson.
Schlesinger.	Woods.
Scholl.	Woodul.
Seawright.	Yantis.

Absent.

Beard of Milam.	O'Banion.
Beason.	Pillow.
Bland.	Schlosshan.
Bledsoe.	Smith of Scurry.
Brown.	Spencer of Wise.
Carlock.	Spradley.
De Bogory.	Thompson
Denton.	of Red River.
Fisher.	Tillotson.
Florer.	Walker.
Hartman.	Williams
McFarland.	of McLennan.
Monday.	

Absent—Excused.

Fitzpatrick.	Tinner.
Martin.	Wahrmund.
Robertson.	

SENATE BILL NO. 308 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 308, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Post Independent School District, in Garza county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 322 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 322, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Tilden Independent School District in McMullen county, Texas, and defining the boundaries; and to provide for the creating of a board of trustees thereof, and authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes, and conferring upon the board of trustees plenary powers and providing authority issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites and erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same, and to levy a tax therefor, and to pay current expense for the maintenance and support of said schools; providing for a board of equalization and prescribing the duty and authority of said board; repealing all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

(Speaker in the chair.)

SENATE BILL NO. 11 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 11, A bill to be entitled "An Act to apportion the State of Texas into congressional districts, naming the counties composing the same, and providing for the election of a member of the Congress of the United States from each district, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Boner offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Section 1. The State of Texas shall be apportioned into the following congressional districts, each of which shall be entitled to elect one member of the Congress of the United States:

First—The following counties shall compose the First District, to wit: Bowie, Red River, Lamar, Delta, Hopkins, Franklin, Titus, Camp, Morris, Cass and Marion.

Second—The following counties shall compose the Second District, to wit: Panola, Shelby, San Augustine, Sabine, Newton, Jasper, Orange, Jefferson, Hardin, Tyler, Angelina, Nacogdoches and Cherokee.

Third—The following counties shall compose the Third District, to wit: Kaufman, Van Zandt, Wood, Upshur, Smith, Gregg, Henderson, Rusk and Harrison.

Fourth—The following counties shall compose the Fourth District, to wit: Fannin, Grayson, Collin, Hunt and Rains.

Fifth—The following counties shall compose the Fifth District, to wit: Dallas, Ellis, Hill and Rockwall.

Sixth—The following counties shall compose the Sixth District, to wit: Navarro, Freestone, Limestone, Robertson, Brazos and Milam.

Seventh—The following counties shall compose the Seventh District, to wit: Galveston, Chambers, Liberty, San Jacinto, Polk, Trinity, Houston, Anderson, Leon, Madison, Walker, Grimes and Montgomery.

Eighth—The following counties shall compose the Eighth District, to wit: Harris, Fort Bend and Waller.

Ninth—The following counties shall compose the Ninth District, to wit: Brazoria, Fayette, Colorado, Wharton, Matagorda, Jackson, Lavaca, Gonzales, Guadalupe, De Witt, Victoria and Calhoun.

Tenth—The following counties shall compose the Tenth District, to wit: Washington, Austin, Burleson, Lee, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson.

Eleventh—The following counties shall compose the Eleventh District, to wit: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Bosque, McLennan and Falls.

Twelfth—The following counties shall compose the Twelfth District, to wit: Erath, Hood, Somervell, Johnson, Tarrant and Parker.

Thirteenth—The following counties shall compose the Thirteenth District, to wit: Cooke, Denton, Wise, Montague, Clay, Jack, Young, Archer, Wichita, Wilbarger, Baylor and Throckmorton.

Fourteenth—The following counties shall compose the Fourteenth District, to wit: Aransas, Refugio, San Patricio, Goliad, Bee, Karnes, Wilson, Bexar, Comal, Kendall, Kerr, Real, Gillespie and Blanco.

Fifteenth—The following counties shall compose the Fifteenth District, to wit: Edwards, Val Verde, Cameron, Willacy, Kleberg, Nueces, Jim Wells, Brooks, Hidalgo, Starr, Jim Hogg, Zapata, Webb, Duval, Live Oak, McMullen, La Salle, Dimmit, Maverick, Zavalla, Frio, Atascosa, Medina, Uvalde, Kinney and Bandera.

Sixteenth—The following counties

shall compose the Sixteenth District, to wit: Andrews, Martin, Taylor, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock, Midland, Ector, Winkler, Loving, Ward, Crane, Upton, Reagan, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, Menard, Schleicher, Crockett, Sutton, Kimble, Terrell, Pecos, Reeves, Culberson, El Paso, Jeff Davis, Presidio and Brewster.

Seventeenth—The following counties shall compose the Seventeenth District, to wit: Burnet, Llano, Mason, Comanche, McCulloch, San Saba, Lampasas, Mills, Brown, Coleman, Callahan, Eastland, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones and Palo Pinto.

Eighteenth—The following counties shall compose the Eighteenth District, to wit: Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Haskell, Fisher, Stonewall, King, Cottle, Childress, Collingsworth, Wheeler, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, Gray, Donley, Hall, Motley, Dickens, Kent, Scurry, Borden, Garza, Crosby, Floyd, Briscoe, Armstrong, Carson, Hutchinson, Hansford, Sherman, Moore, Potter, Randall, Swisher, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn, Dawson, Gaines, Terry, Hockley, Lamb, Castro, Dallam, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Parmer, Bailey, Yoakum and Cochran.

Sec. 2. Nothing in this act shall in anywise affect the tenure of office of the present delegation in Congress of Texas, but this act shall take effect for the general election in 1918, and a Congressman shall be elected from each of said districts for 1918 and thereafter until this law shall have been changed by the Legislature of this State.

Sec. 3. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. The great importance of the legislation proposed and the already delay in redistricting the State, causing great injustice to a large part of our State in denying due representation in Congress, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity which requires that the constitutional rule requiring that bills be read on three several days be suspended and that this bill be placed upon its final passage, and it is so enacted.

The Speaker stated that if there was no objection the (committee) amendment would be considered district by district.

There was no objection offered.

The parts of the (committee) amendment relating to the First, Second,

Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts were severally adopted.

Mr. Moore offered the following amendment to the part of the (committee) amendment relating to the Seventh District:

Amend the amendment by transferring the counties of Leon, Madison and Walker from the Seventh District to the Sixth District.

On motion of Mr. Upchurch, the amendment to the (committee) amendment was tabled.

Mr. Davis of Grimes offered the following amendment to the part of the (committee) amendment relating to the Seventh District:

Amend by transferring Leon, Madison and Grimes from Seventh to Sixth District.

On motion of Mr. Upchurch, the amendment to the (committee) amendment was tabled.

Mr. Peyton offered the following amendment to the part of the (committee) amendment relating to the Seventh District:

Amend by transferring Grimes and Montgomery from Seventh to Eighth District.

The amendment was lost.

The part of the (committee) amendment relating to the Seventh District was then adopted.

The part of the (committee) amendment relating to the Eighth District was adopted.

Mr. Tschoepe offered the following amendment to the part of the (committee) amendment relating to the Ninth District:

Amend the amendment by striking Guadalupe county out of Ninth and put it in the Fourteenth District.

The amendment to the (committee) amendment was adopted.

Mr. Tschoepe moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment to the (committee) amendment was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Hartman offered the following amendment to the part of the (committee) amendment relating to the Ninth District:

Amend the amendment by transferring Karnes county from the Fourteenth District to the Ninth District.

Signed—Hartman, Brown.

The amendment to the (committee) amendment was adopted.

Mr. Hartman moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment to the (committee) amendment was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The part of the (committee) amendment relating to the Ninth District was then adopted.

The parts of the (committee) amendment relating to the Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Districts were severally adopted.

Mr. Russell offered the following amendment to the part of the (committee) amendment relating to the Fourteenth District:

Amend by transferring the counties of Aransas and San Patricio from the Fourteenth to the Fifteenth District.

Signed—Russell, Schlesinger.

The amendment to the (committee) amendment was adopted.

Mr. Russell moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment to the (committee) amendment was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

The part of the (committee) amendment relating to the Fourteenth District was then adopted.

Mr. McFarland offered the following amendment to the part of the (committee) amendment relating to the Fifteenth District:

Amend committee substitute to Dayton Senate bill No. 11 by transferring Val Verde county from the Fifteenth District to the Sixteenth District.

The amendment to the (committee) amendment was lost.

The part of the (committee) amendment relating to the Fifteenth District was then adopted.

Mr. Hawkins offered the following amendment to the part of the (committee) amendment relating to the Sixteenth District:

Amend amendment by striking out "Taylor" from Sixteenth District and place it in "Seventeenth."

Signed—Hawkins, Taylor.

The amendment to the (committee) amendment was adopted.

Mr. Hawkins moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment to the (committee) amendment was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Thomason of El Paso offered the following amendment to the part of the

(committee) amendment relating to the Sixteenth District.

Amend by adding to the Sixteenth District Hudspeth county.

The amendment to the (committee) amendment was adopted.

The part of the (committee) amendment relating to the Sixteenth District was then adopted.

The parts of the (committee) amendment relating to the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Districts were severally adopted.

Question—Shall the (committee) amendment as amended be adopted?

Mr. Parks offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment:

Amend House bill No. 234 by taking "Hill" from the Fifth District and place it in the Sixth District.

The amendment to the (committee) amendment was lost.

The (committee) amendment as amended was adopted.

Senate bill No. 11 was then passed to a third reading.

Mr. Thomason of El Paso moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted the following:

S. C. R. No. 19, Inviting Hon. William Jennings Bryan to address the joint session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature.

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 525 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 525, A bill to be entitled "An Act enlarging the area of Nixon Independent School District in Gonzales and Wilson counties, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Fly offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 525, on page 1, by striking out in Section 1, lines 32 and

35, the words "and comprising a part of Gonzales and Wilson counties."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fly offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 525 by striking out of the caption, page 1, line 9, the words "and Wilson counties" and inserting therefor the word "county."

The amendment was adopted.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—111.

Bagby.	Low
Baker.	of Washington.
Beard of Harris.	McComb.
Beard of Milam.	McDowra.
Beasley.	McFarland.
Beason.	McMillin.
Bedell.	Mendell.
Bell.	Metcalfe.
Bertram.	Miller of Dallas.
Blackburn.	Moore.
Blackmon.	Morris.
Boner.	Murrell.
Brown.	Neeley.
Bryan.	Neill.
Burton of Rusk.	Nichols.
Burton of Tarrant.	Nordhaus.
Butler.	O'Banion.
Cadenhead.	O'Brien.
Clark.	Osborne.
Cope.	Parks.
Cox.	Peddy.
Crudgington.	Pillow.
Davis of Dallas.	Poage.
Davis	Pope.
of Van Zandt.	Reeves.
Dodd.	Richards.
Dudley.	Roemer.
Dunnam.	Rogers.
Estes.	Russell.
Fairchild.	Sackett.
Fisher.	Sallas.
Fly.	Sentell.
Haidusek.	Schlosshan.
Hardey.	Scholl.
Harris.	Seawright.
Hartman.	Sholars.
Hawkins.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hill.	Smith of Hopkins.
Holland.	Smith of Scurry.
Hudspeth.	Spencer of Nolan.
Johnson.	Spradley.
Jones.	Strayhorn.
Laas.	Swope.
Lacey.	Taylor.
Laney.	Templeton.
Lange.	Terrell.
Lanier.	Thomas.
Lee.	Thomason
Lindemann.	of El Paso.
Lowe	Thomason
of McMullen.	of Nacogdoches.

Thompson	Walker.
of Hunt.	Williams
Thompson	of Brazoria.
of Red River.	Williford.
Tilson.	Wilson.
Tschoepe.	Woods.
Upchurch.	Woodul.
Valentine.	Yantis.
Veatch.	

Absent.

Blalock.	Meador.
Bland.	Miller of Austin.
Bledsoe.	Monday.
Bryant.	Peyton.
Canales.	Raiden.
Carlock.	Schlesinger.
Cates.	Spencer of Wise.
Davis of Grimes.	Tillotson.
De Bogory.	Trayler.
Denton.	White.
Florer.	Williams
Greenwood.	of McLennan.
McCoy.	

Absent—Excused.

Fitzpatrick.	Stewart.
Martin.	Tinner.
Robertson.	Wahrmund.

Mr. Fly moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

INVITATION TO HON. W. J. BRYAN.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 19, Inviting Hon. W. J. Bryan to address the Legislature.

Whereas, That great and true Democrat, William Jennings Bryan, who for the past quarter of a century has been fighting the battles of Democracy in the interest of the plain people of this country; and

Whereas, This great Democrat has thrice led the Democratic party in its fight to rescue the people from tyranny of Republican misrule and has come out of each campaign stronger in the confidence of the masses; and

Whereas, He was the greatest factor in placing in the White House one of the greatest Presidents since the days of Lincoln; and

Whereas, During the re-election of President Wilson it was through his campaigns in the West that this section of the country was largely influenced in its electoral vote; and

Whereas, This unimpeachable Democrat stands at the forefront in trying to preserve peace with all the world, and is recognized today as a leading

factor in shaping the governmental policies of our States and nation; be it

Resolved, That this distinguished American citizen be invited to address a joint session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature.

Signed—Floyd, McNealus, Buchanan of Bell, Alderdice, Buchanan of Scurry, Johnson.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 639 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 639, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit the paying of the members of the commissioners courts in Wheeler county, Texas, \$4.00 per day for services."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

(Mr. Spradley in the chair.)

HOUSE BILL NO. 690 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 690, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Liberty Hill Independent School District in Williamson county, Texas, including the present Liberty Hill district of said county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 693 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 693, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of an act to provide a special road law for Denton county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—100.

Bagby.

Baker.

Beard of Milam.	Murrell.
Beason.	Neeley.
Bell.	Neill.
Bertram.	Nichols.
Blackburn.	Nordhaus.
Blackmon.	O'Banion.
Blalock.	O'Brien.
Bledsoe.	Osborne.
Boner.	Parks.
Brown.	Peddy.
Bryan.	Peyton.
Burton of Rusk.	Pope.
Butler.	Reeves.
Cadenhead.	Richards.
Cates.	Roemer.
Cope.	Rogers.
Cox.	Russell.
Crudgington.	Sackett.
Davis of Dallas.	Sentell.
Davis	Schlosshan.
of Van Zandt.	Scholl.
Dodd.	Seawright.
Dudley.	Sholars.
Dunnam.	Smith of Bastrop.
Estes.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fairchild.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fisher.	Spradley.
Fly.	Strayhorn.
Haidusek.	Taylor.
Hardey.	Templeton.
Harris.	Terrell.
Hartman.	Thomas.
Holland.	Thomason
Hudspeth.	of El Paso.
Johnson.	Thomason
Laas.	of Nacogdoches.
Lacey.	Thompson
Laney.	of Hunt.
Lange.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Red River.
Lee.	Tilson.
Lindemann.	Trayler.
Lowe	Tschoepe.
of McMullen.	Valentine.
Low	Veatch.
of Washington.	Walker.
McComb.	Williams
McDowra.	of Brazoria.
McFarland.	Williford.
Mendell.	Wilson.
Metcalf.	Woods.
Miller of Dallas.	Woodul.
Morris.	Yantis.
Absent.	
Beard of Harris.	Florer.
Beasley.	Greenwood.
Bedell.	Hawkins.
Bland.	Hill.
Bryant.	Jones.
Burton of Tarrant.	McCoy.
Canales.	McMillin.
Carlock.	Meador.
Clark.	Miller of Austin.
Davis of Grimes.	Monday.
De Bogory.	Moore.
Denton.	Pillow.

Poage.	Swope.
Raiden.	Tillotson.
Sallas.	Upchurch.
Schlesinger.	White.
Smith of Scurry.	Williams
Spencer of Wise.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Fitzpatrick.	Stewart.
Martin.	Tinner.
Robertson.	Wahrmund.

HOUSE BILL NO. 700 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 700, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Docum and Miller Common County Line School District, containing territory in Erath and Comanche counties, Texas, including the territory of the school districts known as Miller and Docum Common School Districts of Comanche and Erath counties, respectively; placing said common county line school districts under the jurisdiction of Comanche county, to be known as Common School District No. 110 of said county; a board of trustees therefor; vesting said district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred and imposed on common school districts and boards of trustees thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—99.

Bagby.	Dudley.
Baker.	Dunnam.
Beard of Milam.	Estes.
Beasley.	Fairchild.
Beason.	Florer.
Bell.	Greenwood.
Blackburn.	Haidusek.
Blackmon.	Hardey.
Bledsoe.	Harris.
Boner.	Hartman.
Brown.	Hill.
Bryan.	Holland.
Burton of Rusk.	Hudspeth.
Butler.	Johnson.
Cadenhead.	Jones.
Carlock.	Laas.
Cope.	Lacey.
Cox.	Laney.
Crudgington.	Lange.
Davis of Dallas.	Lanier.
Davis	Lee.
of Van Zandt.	Lindemann.

Lowe	Sholars.
of McMullen.	Smith of Bastrop.
McComb.	Smith of Hopkins.
McDowra.	Spencer of Nolan.
McFarland.	Spradley.
Mendell.	Taylor.
Miller of Dallas.	Templeton.
Morris.	Terrell.
Murrell.	Thomas.
Neeley.	Thomason
Neill.	of El Paso.
Nichols.	Thomason
O'Banion.	of Nacogdoches.
O'Brien.	Thompson
Osborne.	of Hunt.
Parks.	Thompson
Peddy.	of Red River.
Peyton.	Tilson.
Poage.	Traylor.
Pope.	Tschoepe.
Reeves.	Upchurch.
Richards.	Valentine.
Roemer.	Veatch.
Rogers.	Walker.
Russell.	Williams
Sackett.	of Brazoria.
Sentell.	Williford.
Schlesinger.	Wilson.
Schlosshan.	Woods.
Scholl.	Woodul.
Seawright.	Yantis.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	McCoy.
Bedell.	McMillin.
Bertram.	Meador.
Blalock.	Metcalfe.
Bland.	Miller of Austin.
Bryant.	Monday.
Burton of Tarrant.	Moore.
Canales.	Nordhaus.
Cates.	Pillow.
Clark.	Raiden.
Davis of Grimes.	Sallas.
De Bogory.	Smith of Scurry.
Denton.	Spencer of Wise.
Dodd.	Strayhorn.
Fisher.	Swope.
Fly.	Tillotson.
Hawkins.	White.
Low	Williams
of Washington.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Fitzpatrick.	Stewart.
Martin.	Tinner.
Robertson.	Wahrmund.

HOUSE BILL NO. 705 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 705, A bill to be entitled "An Act adding territory to the present Trent Independent School District of

Taylor county; defining its boundaries, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—101.

Bagby.	Morris.
Baker.	Murrell.
Beard, of Milam.	Neeley.
Beasley.	Neill.
Beason.	Nichols.
Bedell.	O'Banion.
Bell.	O'Brien.
Bertram.	Osborne.
Blackburn.	Peddy.
Blackmon.	Peyton.
Bledsoe.	Reeves.
Boner.	Richards.
Brown.	Roemer.
Burton of Rusk.	Rogers.
Butler.	Russell.
Cadenhead.	Sackett.
Canales.	Sallas.
Cope.	Sentell.
Cox.	Schlesinger.
Crudgington.	Schlosshan.
Davis of Dallas.	Scholl.
Davis of Van Zandt.	Seawright.
Dodd.	Sholars.
Dudley.	Smith of Bastrop.
Dunnam.	Smith of Hopkins.
Estes.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fairchild.	Spradley.
Fisher.	Strayhorn.
Fly.	Taylor.
Greenwood.	Templeton.
Haidusek.	Terrell.
Hardey.	Thomas.
Harris.	Thomason of El Paso.
Hartman.	Thomason of Nacogdoches.
Hawkins.	Thompson of Hunt.
Hill.	Thompson of Red River.
Holland.	Tilson.
Hudspeth.	Traylor.
Johnson.	Tschoepe.
Jones.	Upchurch.
Laas.	Valentine.
Laney.	Veatch.
Lange.	Walker.
Lanier.	Williams of Brazoria.
Lee.	Williford.
Lindemann.	Wilson.
Lowe.	Woods.
of McMullen.	Woodul.
McComb.	Yantis.
McDowra.	
Mendell.	
Metcalfe.	
Miller of Dallas.	

Present—Not Voting.

Lacey. Stewart.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Meador.
Blalock.	Miller of Austin.
Bland.	Monday.
Bryan.	Moore.
Bryant.	Nordhaus.
Burton of Tarrant.	Parks.
Carlock.	Pillow.
Cates.	Poage.
Clark.	Pope.
Davis of Grimes.	Raiden.
De Bogory.	Smith of Scurry.
Denton.	Spencer of Wise.
Florer.	Swope.
Low.	Tillotson.
of Washington.	White.
McCoy.	Williams
McFarland.	of McLennan.
McMillin.	

Absent—Excused.

Fitzpatrick.	Tinner.
Martin.	Wahrmund.
Robertson.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 718 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 718, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Newton county, Texas, and creating the office of superintendent of public roads and bridges in said county, and providing for the appointment and discharge of superintendent, and prescribing his powers and duties, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 651 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 651, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2234 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the Dallas Criminal District Court, changing said article so that it shall be discretionary with the judge of the Dallas Criminal District Court to empanel a grand jury for said court, instead of it being mandatory; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 725 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 725, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 14 of the Stephens county road law as enacted by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, increasing the pay of each county commissioner from two to three dollars a day, or to an amount not exceeding one hundred and thirty-five dollars per quarter when acting as road commissioner, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 730 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 730, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 56 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, being an act to amend Chapter 34 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, being an act to amend Chapter 80 of the Special Laws passed by the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, approved April 15, 1907, and to amend Chapter 71 of the Special Laws passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, approved March 17, 1909, and to create a more efficient road law for Lee county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 734 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 734, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 6 of the Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, 1915, being an act entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Wood county, etc.,' and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 735 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 735, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1, Chapter 67, Special Laws of Texas, Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, Regular Session, entitled 'An Act creating the Hamlin Independent School District in Jones county, Texas, etc.,' and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 81, "An Act to amend Articles 5982 and 5988 of Title 96 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to navigation districts, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 64, "An Act to amend Article 1162 of Chapter 3, Title 25, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, conferring on corporations the power to borrow money, the purpose of the amendment being to permit corporations to borrow in excess of the amount of their authorized capital stock, and to declare an emergency."

S. B. No. 216, "An Act to reorganize the Seventy-sixth and Seventh Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, so as to declare what counties compose the Seventy-sixth Judicial District and the Seventh Judicial District; to fix the time of holding court in the various counties of said districts; to make the process issued to be served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds returnable to the courts as herein fixed, and continuing in office judges and district attorneys in each of said districts; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 317, "An Act to authorize cities of over five thousand population to adopt or amend their charters by consolidation with an adjoining city in the same county under the name and government of the larger of said cities; authorizing the holding of joint elections by the qualified voters of said cities for the purpose of determining

whether or not such consolidation shall take place; defining the term 'consolidation'; providing that in event a majority of the qualified voters voting at such election in each of said cities shall vote in favor of consolidation the result shall be certified to the Secretary of State, and recorded by him, and providing for the recording of returns of such elections by the officers of the respective cities, etc., and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 355, "An Act declaring that all bonds issued under and by virtue of the Federal Farm Loan Act approved by the President of the United States July 17, 1916, shall be lawful investment for all fiduciary and trust bonds and may be accepted as security for all public deposits where deposits of bonds or mortgages are authorized by law to be accepted; declaring such bonds lawful investment for all funds which may be lawfully invested by guardians, administrators, trustees and receivers for saving deposits of State banks, for banks, saving banks and trust companies chartered under the laws of Texas, for all insurance companies chartered or transacting business under the laws of Texas where investments are required or permitted, and providing that where such bonds are secured by notes or other obligations the payment of which is secured by mortgage, deed of trust or other valid lien upon real estate situated in this State, then that such bond or bonds shall be regarded for investment purposes by insurance companies as Texas securities, and declaring an emergency."

HOUSE BILL NO. 738 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 738, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Remlig Common County Line Independent School District known as Remlig Common County Line School District No. 3, Jasper county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 675 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 675, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit the Enid, Ochiltree & Western Railroad Company and the owners of its properties, purchased at receiver's sale and its and their assigns, trustees and representatives, to take up and remove its railroad construction heretofore made from within the city of Dalhart, in Dallam county, Texas, to the terminus of its track, approximately thirteen miles in an easterly direction in Hartley county, Texas, and to sell and dispose of same and abandon the same, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Bagby moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed, and the House accordingly, at 5:15 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 183, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Tillotson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND BANKING.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 182, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Low of Washington has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BROWN, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND MANUFACTURES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 176, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. McMillin has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FLY, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 738, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 735, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House bill No. 697, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Williams of McLennan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PILLOW, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Insurance,

to whom was referred House bill No. 356, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Bryant has been appointed to make a full report thereon. Mr. Cope gave notice of minority report.

PILLOW, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 330, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments. Mr. Canales and Mr. Pope have been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TEMPLETON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 34, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

TEMPLETON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 317, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

MENDELL, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred

House bill No. 688, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. O'Brien has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 685, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. O'Brien has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 674, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Moore has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 725, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEE, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 730, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 734, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 636, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 716, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 303, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 715, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON
STATE AFFAIRS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 711, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Davis of Dallas has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WOODUL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 218, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

WOODUL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 13, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

WOODUL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 664, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WOODUL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STOCK
AND STOCK RAISING.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and Stock Raising, to whom was referred House bill No. 733, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the

recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Spradley has been appointed to make a full report thereon. Mr. Bryan gave notice of a minority report.

McFARLAND, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN-
GROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 276, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Eighty-first Judicial District of the State of Texas, to reorganize the Thirty-sixth and Forty-ninth Judicial Districts of said State, to provide for the appointment of a district attorney in said Thirty-sixth Judicial District as reorganized, and to provide for the appointment of a district judge for said Eighty-first Judicial District, and to provide for the continuance in office of the present district attorney of the Thirty-sixth Judicial District of Texas, as district attorney of the Eighty-first Judicial District of Texas, residing in Wilson county, Texas; to provide for the continuance in office of the present district judge and district attorney of the Forty-ninth Judicial District of Texas, to fix the time of holding the district courts of said districts, to provide for the time when this act shall take effect, to make all process heretofore issued, as well as bonds and recognizances heretofore entered into conform thereto; to provide that the grand and petit jurors drawn and selected under existing laws in any of the counties of said judicial district shall be considered legally drawn and selected for the term of the district court of their respective counties, held after this act takes effect, and providing that this act take effect on August 1, 1917; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 223, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 923f of the Penal Code of this State, as enacted by Chapter 135 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, so as to exempt therefrom the counties of Hood and Somervell, as to the waters of the Brazos river, but no further, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills have carefully examined and com-
pared

H. B. No. 499, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Sections 5, 6, 8, 9
and 29 of Chapter 106, General Laws
of the Regular Session of the Thirty-
third Legislature of the State of Texas,
so that hereafter said sections of Chap-
ter 106 shall provide in substance for
fixing the salaries of the members of
the State Fire Insurance Commission;
to limit the expenditures of said com-
mission in any one year to the sum
produced by an assessment of one and
one-fourth per cent of the gross pre-
miums of all fire insurance companies
doing business in this State; prescribing
certain duties and powers of the State
Fire Insurance Commission and the
members thereof with respect to the
fixing and promulgating of rates of
premium, investigation of fires, and cor-
rection of fire hazards, and declaring
an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills have carefully examined and com-
pared

H. B. No. 525, A bill to be entitled
"An Act enlarging the area of Nixon
Independent School District in Gonzales
and Wilson counties, etc., and declaring
an emergency."

H. B. No. 690, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to create the Liberty Hill In-
dependent Schol. District in Williamson
county, Texas, including the present Lib-
erty Hill district of said county, etc.,
and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 693, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,
9, 10 and 11 of an act to provide a spe-
cial road law for Denton county, Texas,
etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 705, A bill to be entitled
"An Act adding territory to the present
Trent Independent School District of
Taylor county; defining its boundaries,
and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 639, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to permit the paying of the

members of the commissioners court in
Wheeler county, Texas, \$4.00 per ay
for services."

H. B. No. 718, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to create a more efficient road
system for Newton county, Texas, and
creating the office of superintendent of
public road and bridges in said county,
and providing for the appointment and
discharge of superintendent, and pre-
scribing his powers and duties, etc., and
declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 700, A bill to be entitled
"An Act creating the Docum and Miller
Common County Line School District
containing territory in Erath and Coman-
che counties, Texas, including the terri-
tory of the school districts known as
Miller and Docum Common School Dis-
tricts of Comanche and Erath counties,
respectively; placing said common county
line school districts under the jurisdiction
of Comanche county, to be known as
Common School District No. 110 of said
county; a board of trustees therefor;
vesting said district and board of trust-
ees with all the rights, powers, privi-
leges and duties conferred and imposed
on common school districts and boards
of trustees thereof, etc., and declaring an
emergency."

An find the same correctly engrossed.
YANTIS, Vice-Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN- ROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled
Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 15, Providing for replacing
chandeliers,

Have carefully compared same, and
find it correctly enrolled, and have this
day, at 10:47 o'clock a. m., presented
same to the Governor for his approval.
McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled
Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 16, Relating to the death
of General Frederick Funston,

Have carefully compared same, and
find it correctly enrolled, and have this

day, at 10:47 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 13, "An Act confirming and enlarging, granting and regranting, dedicating and rededicating to the city of Austin, Texas, for exclusively municipal park and other recreational purposes, a strip of land of varying width fronting the Colorado river in the city of Austin, Texas, and extending from Waler to Shoal creeks, and recognizing any leases heretofore made by the State of Texas of any part of said strip of land and providing for forfeiture to State of Texas if used for other purposes,"

Have carefully compared same, and

find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:47 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 576, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 24 and 25 of an act of the Legislature of Texas, approved March 24, 1911, and entitled 'An Act creating a more efficient road system for Anderson county, Texas, etc.,'"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:47 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

In Memory
of
Hon. George M. Martin.

Mr. Lowe of McMullen offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Hon. George M. Martin, of Jourdanton, Atascosa county, a former member of this body, has been called by the Divine Father to his reward; and

Whereas, By his death, not only the immediate community, but the whole State of Texas has lost an honorable, upright, patriotic citizen; and

Whereas, His widow and children, other relatives and friends have lost a kind and loving husband, father, brother and friend; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we tender to his bereaved family and friends our most sincere sympathy in this dark hour of sorrow, and in evidence thereof that a copy of this resolution, properly attested, be forwarded to his family, and that a page of the House Journal, be set apart and dedicated to his memory; and be it further

Resolved, That when the House adjourns for the day it do so in honor of this departed citizen.

LOWE of McMullen,
BROWN,
RUSSELL,
McFARLAND,
DAVIS of Van Zandt.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. McFarland moved that the resolution be adopted by a rising vote.

The motion prevailed, and the resolution was adopted unanimously.